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CMRRR#7011 1570 0000 4410 3800 and Regular U.S. Mail

Greyhound Lines, Inc. 538 Fellowship Rd Mt Laurel, NJ 08054

Re: Maria Garcia v. Greyhound Lines, Inc., and Walter Lee Clay

Docket No.: ESX-L-1900-17

Our File No.: 1904.00

Dear Sir/Madam:

We enclose for service upon you a copy of the Summons and Complaint pursuant to Rule 4:4 4(a)(2) of the rules governing the Courts of New Jersey.

If you are insured, please forward the enclosed Summons and Complaint to your insurance carrier immediately.

If you are not insured, please advise us if you intend to defend this law suit. If so, please furnish us with the name of your attorney.

Very truly yours,

Dwight D. de Stefar

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MARIA GARCIA,

Plaintiff,

va.

GREYHOUND LINES, INC., AND WALTER LEE CLAY, Defendant. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: HUDSON COUNTY DOCKET NO.: BER-L-1900-17

CIVIL ACTION SUMMONS

FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO DEFENDANT: GREYHOUND LINES, INC.

The plaintiff, named above, has filed a lawsuit against you in the Superior Court of New Jersey. The amended complaint attached to this summons states the basis for this lawsuit. If you dispute this complaint, you or your attorney must file a written answer or motion and proof of service with the Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court in the county listed above within 35 days from the date you received this Summons, not counting the date you received it. (The address of each Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court is provided). If the Complaint is one in foreclosure, then you must file your written answer or motion and proof of service with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, NJ 08625. A filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer or motion when it is filed. You must also send a copy of your answer or motion to plaintiffs attorney whose name and address appear above, or to plaintiff, if no attorney is named above. A telephone call will not protect your rights; you must file and serve a written answer or motion (with fee of \$175.00) for Law Division or for Chancery Division and completed Case Information Statement) if you want the court to hear your defense.

If you do not file and serve a written answer or motion within 35 days, the court may enter a judgment against you for the relief plaintiff demands, plus interest and costs of suit. If judgment is entered against you, the Sheriff may seize your money, wages or property to pay all or part of the judgment.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live. A list of these offices is provided. If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. A list of these numbers is also provided.

DATED: April 3, 2017

Name of Defendant to Be Served:

Greyhound Lines, Inc. 350 St. Paul Street Dallas, TX 75201

Clerk of the Superior Court

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MARIA GARCIA,

Plaintiff,

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: ESSEX COUNTY
DOCKET NO.: ESX-L- 1900-17

VS.

GREYHOUND LINES, INC. AND WALTER LEE CLAY

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION

COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, Maria Garcia, residing at 60 North Arlington Avenue, Apt 403 East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey by way of Complaint against the defendants, states as follows:

- 1. At all times mentioned herein, defendant Greyhound Lines Inc. is a transportation company, providing bus services nationally including to and from the State of New Jersey, with its principal office located at 15110 Dallas Parkway, Dallas, Texas.
- 2. At all times mentioned herein, co-defendant Walter Lee Clay is an employee of defendant Greyhound Lines, Inc. and was engaged in the course of his employment with said defendant Greyhound Lines, Inc.
- 3. The defendant Greyhound Lines, Inc. at all times conducts its transportation business within or through the State of New Jersey and maintains offices and/or facilities at

a number of New Jersey locations including, but not limited to, 65 E. Main Street, Somerville, New Jersey and 538 Fellowship Blvd, Mount Laurel, New Jersey.

- 4. On or about August 19, 2015, plaintiff Maria Garcia was a passenger on defendant Greyhound Lines Inc. bus, travelling from Atlanta, Georgia back to her home in Essex County.
- 5. Upon reaching Richmond, Virginia, co-defendant Walter Lee Clay took over driving responsibilities of said bus in his capacity as an employee of defendant Greyhound Lines, Inc.
- The co-defendant Walter Lee Clay drove the said bus, in which plaintiff was a passenger, in a negligent and careless manner causing the bus to crash into the rear of another vehicle on Interstate 95 in Greensville, Virginia.
- 7. As a result of the negligence aforesaid, the plaintiff Maria Garcia, was severely and permanently injured, and did thereby suffer a permanent loss of use of a body organ, function or system; permanent consequential limitation of use of a body organ; significant limitation of use of a body function or system; suffered a permanent injury that has had serious impact on her life, endured pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life, and will similarly endure in the future pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life, was forced to pay sums of money for medical and hospital expenses, and will do so in the future, and did further sustain losses and damages as a direct and proximate result of the conduct of the

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defendant that were not otherwise reimbursed.

9. The defendant Greyhound Lines, Inc. is responsible for the injuries and damages sustained by plaintiff under the Doctrine of Respondent Superior.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Maria Garcia demands judgment against the defendants Greyhound Lines, Inc. and Walter Lee Clay, individually, jointly and severally for damages, interest and cost of suit.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Plaintiffs demand trial by a jury.

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Pursuant to R. 4:25-4, Lawrence P. Stern, Esq. is hereby designated as trial counsel.

STERN & STERN, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff

DWIGHT D. de STEFAN

Dated: March 9, 2017

I certify that the matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action pending in any Court or of a pending arbitration proceeding and no other action or arbitration proceeding is contemplated.

STERN & STERN, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff

DWIGHT D. de STEFAN

Dated: March 9, 2017

GREIHOUND LINES

ESSEX COUNTY - CIVIL DIVISION SUPERIOR COURT OF NJ 465 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD NEWARK NJ 07102

TRACK ASSIGNMENT NOTICE

COURT TELEPHONE NO. (973) 776-9300 COURT HOURS 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

DATE: MARCH 16, 2017

RE: GARCIA VS GREYHOUND LINES INC

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THE ABOVE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO: TRACK 2.

DISCOVERY IS 300 DAYS AND RUNS FROM THE FIRST ANSWER OR 90 DAYS FROM SERVICE ON THE FIRST DEFENDANT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

THE PRETRIAL JUDGE ASSIGNED IS: HON ANNETTE SCOCA

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT TEAM 001 AT: (973) 776-9300 EXT 7183.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE TRACK IS INAPPROPRIATE YOU MUST FILE A

CERTIFICATION OF GOOD CAUSE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE FILING OF YOUR PLEADING.

PLAINTIFF MUST SERVE COPIES OF THIS FORM ON ALL OTHER PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE
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